



NORTH FORK RANCHERIA OF MONO INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Tribal Chairperson Elaine Fink, called to order the special meeting of the North Fork Rancheria at 9:01 a.m. on March 29, 2019 in North Fork, CA.

II. Moment of Silent Prayer

A moment of Silent Prayer was observed.

III. Roll Call

Tribal Secretary, Katrina Guitierrez conducted a roll call. The following Council members were present: Elaine Fink, Fred Beihn, Katrina Guitierrez, Maryann McGovran and Jacquie Van Huss.

Staff present:

Gary Nicholes – CAO

Teri Haggard – CFO

Paul Irwin – IHA Director

Tawny Lavell – ICWA

IV. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Council Member Van Huss motioned to approve the agenda. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 5/0/0

V. Approval of previous meeting minutes

VI. Treasurer McGovran motioned to approve the special meeting minutes of March 21, 2019 with corrections. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 3/0/1 with Council Member Van Huss abstaining. Vice-Chairperson Beihn was out of the room at the time the motion was made an carried.

VII. New Business

a) Gary Nicholes – CAO

1. IHS/OSG Conference Call

Mr. Nicholes reported that he still hasn't had any response from the Director of Self-Governance, Jennifer Cooper. A conference call was scheduled for March 29, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

At this time, Tribal Council went into Executive Session #1.

Council Member Van Huss motioned to go into executive session #1 @ 9:28 a.m.

Treasurer McGovran seconded. Mc 4/0/0

A discussion was held regarding the conference call and the letter.

Secretary Guitierrez motioned to come out @ 10:05 a.m. Council Member Van Huss seconded. Mc 5/0/0

2. CIMC – In secretary's agenda items.
3. Letter to Citizen, Tribes, and Tribal Agencies
By consensus, Tribal Council approved the letters with a minor change of language in the letter to tribal citizens regarding the election and the positions of officers.
4. Child Care
Mr. Nicholes reported that as of April 1st, all current funds have to be allocated back for 2018 if not used and that the 2019 funds have to be obligated by September 1, 2019. Tribal Council will receive monthly reports. Mr. Nicholes also reported that the current plan had 421 children but after verifying the current service areas, 297 were counted. Mr. Nicholes and Mrs. Coleman will call the households to verify if more children are in the home so that they can be counted as well. No duplications of services are not allowed.
5. NIM NOBE Jewelry
Mr. Nicholes reported that the store is getting sparse on the jewelry.
A discussion was held regarding the mark ups in the store and maybe the mark ups should increase. Council Member Van Huss suggested to have a report of hard costs versus the actual costs, etc.
Vice-Chairperson Beihn requested a report on December to February 28th on how much we paid for the jewelry.

At this time, Tribal Council went into executive session # 2.

Council Member Van Huss motioned to go into executive session #2 @ 10:47 a.m. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 5/0/0

A discussion was held regarding the store.

Secretary Guitierrez motioned to come out @ 11:14 a.m. Council Member Van Huss seconded. Mc 5/0/0

Tribal Council agreed to send the store manager job description to citizens first.

Treasurer McGovran motioned to amend the agenda with #3 to unfinished business: Nim Nobe job description. Council Member Van Huss seconded. Mc 5/0/0

b) Teri Haggard – CFO

1. IMLS Contract
Tribal Council reviewed the contract with Shogren Consulting Group, LLC.
Secretary Guitierrez motioned to approve the contract with Shogren Consulting LLC. Vice-Chairperson Beihn seconded. Mc 5/0/0
After discussion, Tribal Council agreed to have Paul Irwin be the contact person for Shogren.

2. Millsite Owner's Association Meeting
Secretary Guitierrez and CAO, Mr. Nicholes will attend the meeting on Friday, April 5, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.

3. New Signature Cards
This item was tabled. Mrs. Haggard did not receive the cards from the bank.

Treasurer McGovran motioned to amend the agenda with adding #4 to unfinished business. Council Member Van Huss seconded. Mc 5/0/0

4. TANF Computer Insurance Checks
Treasurer McGovran suggested to return the check Mr. Ching for the 3 Apple MacBook air notebooks and one Asus Chromebook for a total amount of \$3269.00, These items were stolen from students during an event for the Family Wellness in Clovis, CA.

Council Member Van Huss suggested to look into some type of coverage and to have a sign at leaving things at your own risk.

Council Member Van Huss motioned to give the check issued from Stedfast Insurance Company to Minarets High School. Vice-Chairperson Beihn seconded. Mc 5/0/0

c) Treasurer McGovran

1. Ponderosa Telephone
Treasurer McGovran reported that the Internet service is very slow and they won't be able to upgrade sooner than June. Treasurer McGovran suggested to contact Frank Bigelow, who owns the Company to see if we can get faster service.
Council Member Van Huss suggested to send a letter to the Ponderosa Telephone Board. A discussion was held regarding going through CDC and have all occupants write a letter since the upgrade will be for this area.

d) Secretary Guitierrez

1. Resolution No. 19-16 - CCTCA
Council Member Van Huss motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-16 A Resolution to join the Central California Tribal Chairpersons' Association (CCTCA) and appoint tribal representatives to serve. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 5/0/0
2. Resolution No. 19-18 – Chartering CCTCA
Secretary Guitierrez motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-18 A Resolution chartering the Central California Tribal Chairpersons' Association with corrections. Council Member Van Huss seconded. Mc 5/0/0
3. Resolution No. 19-29 – Election of TC Officers
Secretary Guitierrez motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-29 A Resolution confirming the Election of the Tribal Council Officers of the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians. Council Member Van Huss seconded. Mc 5/0/0

4. Resolution No. 19-30 – NCAI Change in Membership
Secretary Guitierrez motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-30 A Resolution authorizing change in Tribal Membership in the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) for 2018-2019. Council Member Van Huss seconded. Mc 5/0/0
5. Resolution No. 19-31 – CNIGA Change in Membership
Secretary Guitierrez motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-31 A Resolution authorizing change in Tribal Membership in the California Nations Indian Gaming Association (CNIGA) from November 01, 2018 through October 31, 2019. Council Member Van Huss seconded. Mc 5/0/0
6. Resolution No. 19-32 – NIGA Change in Membership
Secretary Guitierrez motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-332 A Resolution authorizing change in Tribal Membership in the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) for 2018. Council Member Van Huss seconded. Mc 5/0/0
7. Resolution No. 19-28 – Enrollment of 8 New Citizens
Secretary Guitierrez motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-28 A Resolution authorizing the enrollment of eight new tribal citizens of the North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians. Treasurer McGovran seconded. MC 5/0/0

At this time, Tribal Council went into executive session # 3.

Council Member Van Huss motioned to go into executive session # 3 @ 12:42 p.m.

Treasurer McGovran seconded. Mc 5/0/0

A discussion was held regarding enrollment.

Secretary Guitierrez motioned to come out @ 1:07 p.m. Council Member Van Huss seconded. Mc 5/0/0

A discussion was held regarding the enrollment statutes, and which statutes to follow and the opening and closing of enrollment. Council Member Van Huss stated that she is strong supporter for open enrollment as long as the enrollment committee recommends to Tribal Council.

Council Member Van Huss suggested to make a list of questions and meet with the Enrollment Committee to go over those questions.

8. CIMC Delegate / Alternate
By consensus, Tribal Council approved for Fred Beihn to be the delegate and Jacquie Van Huss as the alternate.
9. IHA Board of Commissioners
By consensus, Tribal Council approved for Elaine Fink and Jacquie Van Huss to be on the IHA Board of Commissioners.
10. Tribal Council Picture Date
By consensus, Tribal Council agreed to move the weekly special meetings to Fridays. Picture date – April 19, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. Chairperson Fink will contact Mike Colvard to see if he can take the picture of Tribal Council.
A discussion was held regarding who to contact that is a staff member and setting an appointment with a staff member in order for their time management.

At this time, Tribal Council went into executive session.

Council Member Van Huss motioned to go into executive session #4 @ 2:07 p.m.

Treasurer McGovran seconded. Mc 5/0/0

A discussion was held regarding the oversight of staff.

Council Member Van Huss motioned to come out @ 3:21 p.m. Treasurer McGovran

seconded. Mc 5/0/0

Unfinished Business

a) Secretary Guitierrez

1. Constitution Workgroup

a. Meeting date

April 16, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

b. Letters of Interest

Treasurer McGovran motioned to appoint Jenny Garcia and Christina McDonald to the workgroup. Council Member Van Huss seconded. Mc 5/0/0

b) Treasurer McGovran

1. Annual Gathering

a. Date

Tribal Council reviewed the budget from the Recreation Center versus the School. A discussion was held about TANF paying half of the cost. Council Member Van Huss requested to see if TANF can pay some of the costs.

b. Location – Recreation Center

c. Budget – discussed in item a.

c) Nim Nobe Job Descriptions

Secretary Guitierrez motioned to approve the revised job description for Store Manager.

Treasurer McGovran seconded. Mc 5/0/0

Treasurer McGovran motioned to approve the revised store clerk job description. Council Member Van Huss seconded. Mc 5/0/0

By consensus, Tribal Council approved for Fred Beihn as delegate of the CDC Board and Maryann McGovran as alternate.

By consensus, Tribal Council approved for Fred Beihn and Jacquie Van Huss to oversee the Election Board.

By consensus, Tribal Council approved for Fred Beihn to remain on the TANF Advisory Board and the EPD Committee.

d) RFQ - Roads

Tribal Council reviewed and scored the Request for Questions for the engineering services for the mill site.

Council Member Van Huss motioned to go into executive session #5 @ 4:36 p.m. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 5/0/0

VIII. Executive Session

a) ICWA

1. Resolution No. 19-27

Mrs. Lavell gave an updates on cases.

Secretary Guitierrez motioned to adopt Resolution No. 19-28 A Resolution providing for the intervention in an Indian Child Welfare Case and designating a Tribal Representative in minor children case who are North Fork Rancheria eligible citizens. Treasurer McGovran seconded. Mc 5/0/0

b) TC Severance pay

Treasurer McGovran motioned for EP for the month of April to receive stipend pay at regular stipend pay. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 5/0/0

Council Member Van Huss motioned for GW for the month of April to receive stipend pay at \$4,000.00 with one month of medical benefits for the month of April. Chairperson Beihn seconded. 2/3/0

Treasurer McGovran motioned to pay EP and GW get their transition Payment pro-rated for eleven days for their pay at the regular month. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 4/1/0

Secretary Guitierrez motioned to pay GW severance pay the regular stipend month plus medical benefits for the month of April. Treasurer McGovran seconded. Mc 4/1/0

c) Treasurer McGovran

1. Crime Policy

This item was tabled until CFO is present during discussion.

Secretary Guitierrez motioned to come out of executive session @ 5:56 p.m. Treasurer McGovran seconded. Mc 5/0/0

IX. Mail / Travel

a) CCTCA - \$1,000 dues

Treasurer McGovran motioned for membership dues in the amount of \$1,000.00 to come out of tribal funds. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc 5/0/0

b) CDC - \$50.00 Membership dues

Treasurer McGovran motioned for membership as business @ \$50.00 and \$100.00 for support for a total amount of \$150.00 to come out of tribal funds. Council Member Van Huss seconded. Mc 5/0/0

c) NAFOA – 4/15-4/16 – For information only.

d) Firefighter Hootenanny request – 04/27 – This will be given to EPD.

X. Next Meeting – 04/18/19 – 9:00 a.m.

XI. Adjournment

*Council Member Van Huss motioned to adjourn @ 6:27 p.m. Secretary Guitierrez seconded. Mc
5/0/0*

Minutes submitted by: **Katrina Guitierrez** – 04/01/19

COUNCIL APPROVAL

At a meeting of the Tribal Council of the North Fork Rancheria, call and convened on the **19th** day of **April, 2019**, at which a legal quorum was present, these minutes were approved as presented by a vote of **5 For 0 Against 0 Abstaining**.

DATED this **23rd** day of **April, 2019**.


Katrina Guitierrez, Tribal Secretary


Judy E. Fink, Tribal Chairperson